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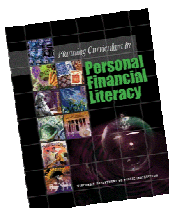


## About this Newsletter

This periodic newsletter provides updates and information relevant to Business and Information Technology educators. It is published by Business & Information Technology, Career & Technical Education Team, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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## New! Planning Curriculum in PFL

Developed to be used with the *Wisconsin Model Academic Standards for Personal Financial Literacy*, the Planning Curriculum in Personal Financial Literacy can help guide districts and educators in the planning of a program and lessons to promote financial literacy PK-12.

This new guide can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following site: [www.dpi.wi.gov/finance](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/finance)

## Reality Store Workshop

Have you heard of the financial literacy event called the Reality Store? This one-day financial simulation brings together area businesses, community members, and the school to help students gain insight and understanding of the challenges of being financially literate.

Planning and running this one-day event takes months of planning and incredible organization. In this workshop, learn more about the student outcomes of this event, the planning process and gather planning tools to take back to your community to plan and administer your own Reality Store.

[Click here \(www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/pd.html\)](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/bit/pd.html) to get to the registration form!



## **Financial Literacy: TEACH IT!**

As a companion to the standards and curriculum guide, the Department of Public Instruction, in conjunction the Educational Communications Board (ECB), presents Financial Literacy: TEACH IT!

This web link provides educators with resources and professional development to effectively teach financial literacy. The [web site \(www.ecb.org/finance\)](http://www.ecb.org/finance) features twenty-one lessons taped in Wisconsin's elementary, middle and high school classrooms. Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Personal Financial Literacy serve as the foundation for this multi-media resource. Financial Literacy: TEACH IT! debuted during Money Smart Week, beginning Sunday, October 11, 2009.

## **Entrepreneurship Resources**

The Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education's mission is to incorporate entrepreneurship education within all disciplines, to infuse students with the entrepreneurial mindset, and encourage our members to work together to create educational opportunities to meet the demands of a global economy. We believe that entrepreneurs are not "born", but rather they "become" through the experiences of their lives.

Click on this link to learn more: [www.education.usatoday.com](http://www.education.usatoday.com) (click special resources)

OR go directly to the page at

[usatodayeducate.com/wordpress/index.php/entrepreneurship-education](http://usatodayeducate.com/wordpress/index.php/entrepreneurship-education)

## **Making Cents!**

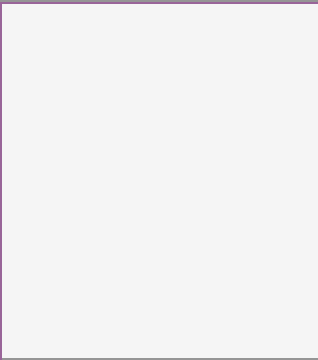
Making Cents International is a social enterprise based in Washington, D.C. that provides specialized technical services and curriculum to individuals and organizations working in enterprise development.

They also build and strengthen the youth enterprise and livelihoods sector by creating learning opportunities and networks, which result in stronger partnerships, programs, and policies that support young entrepreneurs.

Sign up for their free newsletter and check out their site for great resources at: [www.makingcents.com](http://www.makingcents.com)

Have information to share? Please forward it to me for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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